OBSERVATIONS

For this preſent Year,

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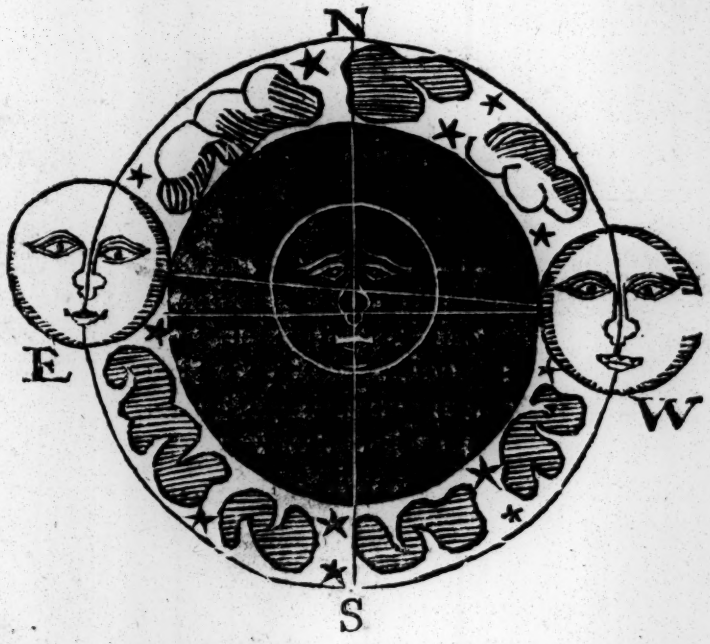

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JANUARIES *Obſervations.* 1667.

IN *December*, though two Eclipſes, one of the Sun and another of the Moon hapned, yet little of their effects will appear in *Europe*, except in *Portugal* and *Spain*; and thoſe effects rather concern animoſities betwixt or among the Grandees, then particularly to either Nation: however, various reports will come from the *Weſt-Indies* of both Nations, intimating damages received by either party in thoſe parts. *January* begins ſtrangely as to the Weather; abundance of ſnow, ſleet, or moiſt weather, cloudy, obſcure, and dark; and if the influence of the late Comets impede not the weather, we might expect very ſtrange floods; but uſually Comets are percuſſors of drought in every Seaſon of the Year. The North-weſt part of *Europe*, and thoſe Countries North which border upon *Muſcovia* and *Tartaria*, highly concerned in their conſultations in this month; neer this time alſo the City of *Breme* is threatned with great unhappineſs, if Peace be not ere this concluded betwixt the *Swediſh* Nation and it. High honour is done to ſome Eccleſiaſtical perſon in Forreign parts; and the

like advancement to ſome of our own Nation, either Civil or Temporal.

Many reports fly abrod as if ſome Treaty for Peace were in hand; people willingly embrace that Intelligence, but time makes it appear a vapour: Our Enemies have not yet had a ſufficient ſhare of the ſecond Comets influence; let them expect it with a ſad Intereſt in this Summer.

FEBRUARIES *Obſervations.* 1667.

THe King of *Poland* his Affairs ſeem to proceed but untowardly, rather they backſlide then go forward: So neer this time ſome unruly irruption, diſturbs his imperial Majeſties Subjects neer the Turkiſh Garriſons. Still men hearken after Peace, the generality of *Holland* above all people deſiring it; no probability as yet of any right underſtanding to that purpoſe. Now is *Jupiter* entred *Aries* the Aſcendant of *England*; from thence we may expect an happy unity amongſt our ſelves, and perceive Gods Mercies generally to ſmile upon the Actions of his Majeſty, and grand Affairs of the whole Nation, infinitely to the ſatisfaction of all ſober perſons. If the Seaſon of the year permit, there may happen about this Month ſome warlike action betwixt the *Spaniſh* and *Portugal* Forces. An appearance of drawing Forces into *Normandy*, the *French* King being active neer this month; but Providence ſeems to contradict his intentions, and the prudence of his Majeſty of *England* prevents all fear of *French* Invaſion. *Mars* is entred *Aries*, aſſociates with *Jupiter* in all his Majeſty of *Great Britain*.

Britains Conducts: whether the *French* King resolve upon War or Peace, it's no matter; if his Navies will peep out of their Harbours, they must return home again if they can; but assuredly destruction, or captivity, or sinking, will be the final end of most of those who shall encounter His Majesty of *Great Britains* Sea-Forces in this year.

MARCHES *Observations.* 1667.

THree Superiour Planets angular in the vernal Scheam; the two Infortunes essentially dignified; the benevolent *Jupiter* oppressed: these argue the vivacity of mankind prone wholly unto War, and the superlative transactions now in consultation, how, where, and when to offend their enemies, how to fortifie themselves, or to do most mischief: And though some moderate Spirits or grave Councellors in many Nations study wholly for Peace or Reconcilment, yet it is more than probable their designs are frustrate, and the whole inclination of man tends for warlike concernments. The Monarch of *Great Britain* seems in greatest readiness for action, and best provided: The *Dutch* fearful of a plague and consumption of their Seamen, nor in a present capacity of undertaking any great design: The *French* seem at a stand, some emergent misfortune having hapned unto them, or feared to happen amongst themselves suddenly: *Ne verbum quidem de Dano*: The *Dane* cannot get out of his Harbours; No penny, no *Pater-nosters*: The *Polonian* King in great fear of his Subjects, matters seeming to tend again to Rebellion, or taking

king up Arms. The *Swediſh* Nation, the Seaſon of the year conſidered, ſeem the moſt active of all *Europe*; and reaſon there is; for ſome violent ſtorm is like to break forth upon them from a barbarous people, if not prevented.

Much good intelligence comes into *England* from the North-eaſt, and many of her Ships or much Goods arrive at *London*, or moſt certain News of their Ships being well conditioned, and ſuddenly like to arrive.

APRIL S *Obſervations.* 1667.

THe Month begins with various Reports, malicious and vain, intimating loſſes at Sea, ſome Weſtward, ſome Southward; others diſaffected to the honour of *England* make Mountains of Molehills, diſperſing ſcandalous Libels againſt Authority; a people neither ſatisfied in their own judgements, or willing to be inſtructed from the more learned Doctrine of the Church of *England*. Here ſeems breach of Leagues, or miſunderſtandings amongſt many Confederated Princes; great failings in their mutual Aids one unto another. The *Amſterdam*-merchants, as alſo the generality of *Holland*, find great oppoſition in their Vocations and Callings; they ſeem now more ſenſible of their preſent ſad condition than for ſome years before. New broils begin to ariſe in *Polland*; the Princes of *Germany* at variance one with another; the North parts of *Sweden* like to be invaded; and there are not wanting evil ſpirits to ſtir up a Commotion in *Ireland*. The *Lorrainer* where ever he is, is much

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ſpoken of for his plundring, and probably like to ſuffer for his inſolencies. Some pyratical people threaten the Engliſh Ships coming from *Barbadoes*, and thoſe more remote Plantations. If the *Navies* of *France* and *Holland* were fitted at Sea, it were more than probable His Majeſty might be bleſſed with a glorious and ſucceſsful Victory; but we cannot find either *Dane*, *Dutch* or *French*, ſufficiently provided for ſo ſad an encounter; or is there any probability of their meeting or joyning together in many weeks after; yet towards the latter end of this Month reports will be as if all would ſuddenly be ready: be it ſo; or if were ſo, nothing but our great and manifold ſins can hinder us of an entire Victory.

MAYS *Obſervations* 1667.

WHere & in what Countries Armies are neer one another there will be great ſlaughter of mankind ſuddenly. Where Fleets at Sea are out, a dubious and tedious Fight there will be, wherein the *Hollanders* are ſure to be worſted, by firing, burning, or taking their beſt and moſt ſerviceable Ships, killing and deſtroying their moſt able and ſerviceable Commanders and men; neither will the *Dane* or *French* ſpeed better; the *Dane* ſeems to loſe his honour by not fighting, and much aſperſed therefore: providence ſeems to bleſs the *French* King with anſwerable ſucceſs, *viz.* with the captivity of many of his Ships and Men. Perhaps theſe actions may be retarded ſomething longer. *Deſtructio in pluribus Climatibus*: Great deſtruction in many

many Countries, Sad weather, the ſeaſon conſidered; high tempeſtuous Winds, ſtrange Thunder and Lightning, ſudden and violent Showrs; ſome begin to fear the Plague or Peſtilence, we hope no ſuch thing will be. Many violent actions committed this Month; many Murthers, unhappy Duels; many Pyracies at Sea, much Thievery at Land; and yet if our judgment deceive us not, this Nation ſeems bleſſed with ſome remarkable teſtimony of Gods favour, even in or neer this Month, highly to the honour of His Majeſty, and ſatisfaction and content of the whole Kingdom; for here is probability of much Honour conferred on deſerving Perſons, as well Sword-men as Gown-men; and we have cauſe to believe His Majeſty to be much honoured neer this time by ſeveral Embaſſadors from Forreign Parts to congratulate His Succeſſes.

JUNES *Obſervations.* 1667.

THis Month ſeems to be uſher'd in with great expectation of Peace, and His Majeſty courted thereunto by Agents from ſeveral Parts; but Heaven we fear hath no ſuch bleſſing for the *Hollander*, divine Vengeance having as yet not ſcourged them, ſufficiently for their former inſolencies. The King of *Denmark* threatned with War and many ſad miſchances neer his own Confines, a ſturdy Enemy and powerful, watching all opportunities againſt him. The *French* King ſeems to expend much money, and to make great preparations to little purpoſe; he wil in a ſhort time be ſenſible of the firſt Comets influence, for evil and not for good.

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In this Month there is a Quadrat aſpect betwixt ♄ and ♃, whereby we judge great difficulty, much fraud deceit, and tergiverſation in ſuch things and matters as might otherwiſe tend to a reconciliation of differences. The Ingreſs of ☉ into ♋, and the ſeveral Lunations of this month do rather portend Sea-fights, Wars, *&c.* then give hopes of Peace; particularly, the ſeveral Configurations do very much threaten *Holland* with a moſt ſtrange and unuſual loſs at Sea, if they ſhall dare to fight His Majeſties Forces. Still poor *Polland* is threatned either by the *Muſcovite* or wandring *Coſſacks*. Strange rumors diſperſed in *London*, ſome vain people abuſe His Majeſties Subjects with untruths and ill-grounded ſuggeſtions. Much diviſion in *London* about Building, perhaps that may occaſion thoſe vain and idle reports before-mentioned. Strange news out of *Holland*, as if all were in an uproar; we believe they are now in a ſad and fearful condition. *Diſcite juſtitiam.*

JULIES *Obſervations.* 1667.

THe Sun draws neer to the oppoſition of *Saturn*, and he-retrograde, now in this Month neer his place in the Vernal Scheam, the Sun and he both with a quadrate aſpect beholding the Aſcendant of the Solſtitial Ingreſſe, as alſo neer to the Quadrate of *Jupiter* in that Figure.

Quis talia fando temperat à lachrymis?

The Aſpects are in cardinal Signs; beſides, *Mars* is entred *Cancer*; A great ſlaughter of Mankind is at hand, and it may be feared both at Sea and Land, where

where there is fit matter to work upon. Theſe Aſpects ſeem formidable unto the *French* King both at Sea and Land, eſpecially at Sea: The *Hollander* from the ill ſucceſſe he ſhall find in this Month, if he ſubmit not before unto a Peace, ſhall perceive its in vain to ſtrive againſt the King of *England*, whoſe Forces (though not without much blood) ſhall obtain ſo remarkable a Victory over both *French*, *Dutch* and *Danes*, as the like hath not been heard of in any age. If Providence have aſſigned this Month for a Sea-fight, it's the *ultimum vale* of the *Hogens*. The active *Scottiſh* Privatiers ſeem to grow rich with their many and rich Prizes, taken as well from the *Dane* as the *Hollander* and *French*. The *Venetians* very hardly put unto it neer this Month, yet in a Naval Fight with the *Turks* they ſeem to proſper. About the ſecond week of this Month ſtrange and unuſal weather in many Countries, and it ſeems to continue for many days. Many diviſions are like to be amongſt the Religious in *Italy*. Bleſſed News ſhould arrive of ſome noble Atchievement of His Majeſties Forces.

AUGUSTS *Obſervations.* 1667.

IF Providence retard the Actions intended in the former Month until this preſent *Auguſt*, they then ſeem more ponderous and weighty in this Month, all parties being better prepared then in the former. The grand Configurations of this month ſignifie, *Fugas in exercitu, ſtupores, anxietates, triſtitias, & timores, & mortalitates, bella, & guerras, & interfectiones; erunt fulmina, tonitrua & coruſcationes*:

tiones; erunt ventorum flatus inconvenientes, ſubmerſiones navium & pericula navigandi: Here are ſignified to happen in this Month (if no Peace be ere this concluded) the flight of running away of many ingaged in Land or Sea-ſervice; great fears, troubles, ſorrows, amazements, mortality, wars, ſlaughters of men; much lightning, thunders, ſtrange ſights in the Air, very inconvenient or croſs winds, the drowning or ſinking of many Ships, great danger to all that Navigate the Seas; theſe actions are generally ſignified to happen in all or moſt places of *Europe*, but more particularly nearer *England*, toward the North-eaſt thereof; High engagements aſſuredly are neer at hand, wherein the Engliſh fight againſt a Saturnine people, *viz.* a people who upon equal terms ſeldom dare encounter their enemy: Now in thoſe Configurations of this Month portending Sea-fights, it is thus ſaid of the Ancients; *Illi de terra Martis ſuperabunt, eò quod iræ & audacia erunt in eis*; Thoſe Navies, thoſe Souldiers who are under the Dominion or dwel in the land of *Mars* (as the Engliſh do) ſhal overcome their Enemies, becauſe there is much of choler, anger, and boldneſs in them; whereas in Saturnine people there is much fear, cowardiſe, by reaſon of their want of heat. Still nothing but our ſins can prevent us of a glorious Victory.

SEPTEMBERS *Obſervations.* 1667.

NEws from *Ireland*; Intelligence from *Italy*, from the *Engliſh* Plantations in the *Weſt-Indies*, from the Streights and *Spaniſh* Coaſts; all ſhould be pleaſing and comfortable to *England*. Addreſſes

dreſſes made to His Majeſty of *Great Britain* from ſeveral parts; mens minds begin to hearken after Peace, and many general rumours diſperſed and ſpoken of to that purpoſe: Yet ſome of the male-configurations mentioned in *Auguſt*, may manifeſt their ſad influences in this *September*, unto the greater glory of *England*, but exceeding misfortune of her enemies, whether *Dutch*, *Dane*, or *French*, whoſe imperious King finds great obſtructions in his civil affairs at home, and leſſer ſatisfaction in his military proceedings abroad; ſo that we may truly ſay of him, the preſent poſitions of Heaven do ſignifie, *Paucitatem lucri, ſeu profectus in rebus, de quibus ſperatur utilitas; & quod cadet in inimicitias amicorum*; he may expect little gain, no gainful returns in ſuch things and actions from which he thought to have reaped great gain; *& quod cadet in inimicitias amicorum*, his Confederates will receive no benefit from his aſſiſtance, and therefore there will follow controverſies and diſguſts between them, *viz.* there is much probability of an abſolute breach of the League betwixt him and the *Dutch*, and others, &c. The Imperial affairs ſeem carried on with happy ſucceſſe, much to the honour of the houſe of *Auſtria*, ſaving ſome ſmall fears in the Weſtern parts of his Dominions, wherein there ſeems more danger to be threatned then really will be executed.

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MAny ſcandalous reports caſt upon perſons of honour; the common people male-contented, much dejected in their ſpirits; in ſeveral Countries the Configurations ſignifie, *dejectionem nobilium & magnatum, atq; ipſorum malum eſſe, & exaltationem vilium & ignobilium, & contriſtabuntur Scribæ, atque Legum Doctores, & Conſules, & Conſiliarii, aut evenient eis impedimenta occulta, quorum cauſa triſtabuntur:* In many Countries here is denoted the downfal of Nobles and great Perſons, and their preſent ſad condition; Scribes, *viz.* the Legal perſons, or Lawyers, and Doctors of the Laws both Civil and Canon, State-holders, Senators, and Councellors of State ſhall have great cauſe to be ſorrowful, for there will be many accuſations againſt them, many of their ſecret failings will be brought to light, and they ſuffer for their faults. A ſad fate ſeems to attend ſome high-ſpirited Grandee in this Month; and another eminent Gown-man either ends his days or loſeth his Office; A reverend Father of the Church is manifeſted to have his interment or death neer or in this Month, which ſeems to be fatal unto many of great years and in great dignity. Unruly weather, much rain, ſeveral floods, ſtrange and uncomfortable weather; no pleaſing Seed-time, the Farmer repining, and a diſſatisfied Gentry conclude the Month.

Sudden but vain news comes from the North parts.

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A Person of great counsel and conduct seems now to yield unto Death, greatly to the affliction of his Prince or Country; so also one of Royal Extraction is threatned with a lingring consumptive Disease, much lamented the party will be, whether male or female. *Saturn* and *Jupiter* are neer a second Quadrature; the Courts of Princes troubled with their unruly Servants and Courtiers: The Clergy of Nations in some contempt: Those of different judgments in things Divine complain of hard measure generally in all places of *Europe*: Those who do now mediate to reconcile the Quarrels of Nations in several parts of *Europe*, seem to complain of much fraud in the transactions thereof; however, if Providence for our sins contradict in not, matters appear in a fair way towards a settlement; and the Monarch of *Great Britain* again visited from parts beyond Seas by several Agents for settlement of all Differences and Contraversies. An invisible Eclipse as to *England* harms not the progresse of a Treaty, only manifests some unruly spirits in *England*, who asperse both Church and State. Several good Letters, bringing good news both to the Merchant and others, do neer this time arrive. Some strange robbings and steelings, or robberies comitted towards the latter part of the Month.

DECEMBERS *Observations.* 1667.

FRom most parts of *Europe*, *England* hath comfortable Intelligence, and stronger hopes then for-

formerly of Peace and Tranquility at home, if not with other Nations; which God of his mercy grant. Some honourable Persons of several Nations again interceding with His Majesty for full reconcilement; so that if the *Dutch* be not ordained for a full destruction, a Peace in probability is neer at hand; but if they shal still wilfully neglect his Majesties Civility and Clemency, let them English this Prediction, which is operating and in full force against them all 1667. *viz.* according unto *Gauricus, p.* 1329. *M. Cœli ad* □ ☌. This is to their Magistrates. *Multa mala decernuntur ex inopinato, & unde non speraverant, lites, jurgia & mutuas simultates cum martialibus, quorum odiis multa mala portenduntur: inopinata cum fortunarum jactura atque dedecore, multi à Magistratu deponentur; eruntque hoc anno 1667 tantis calamitatibus conquassati, ut quo se vertant, penitus ignorent, prevideant ne ab hostium insidiis infligantur:* Unexpectedly they shall receive much damage from whence they least expected it, constantly troubled with quarrelling and controversies amongst their Martial Commanders, by whose malice much detriment happens unto them; a sudden wreck or subversion of their Estates (which is most part in Ships;) with shame and scorn many will be deposed from their Authority; they will in 1667. be so shaken with all manner of misfortunes, they will not know what to do; and let them beware pretended Friends prove not their worst Enemies. *Vivat & floreat Rex Magnæ Britanniæ.*

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